# STRUCTURING PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENTS THROUGH MAURITIUS

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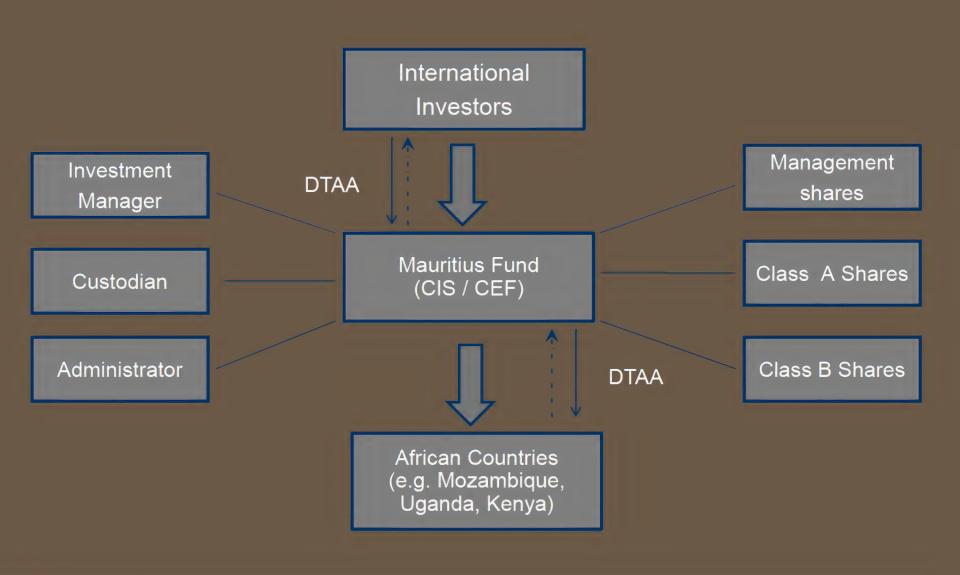


# PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENTS INTO AFRICA

- Growth of private equity investments into Africa
- Attractiveness of Mauritius

- Main structures used for PE investments:
  - > Investment Funds
  - ➤ Protected Cell Companies

### FUND STRUCTURE FOR INVESTING INTO AFRICA



## STRUCTURING OBJECTIVES

Limitation of investors' liability

Tax treatment

The Mauritius advantage

### LEGAL STRUCTURE OF MAURITIUS FUNDS

 Types: Collective Investment Scheme or Closed End Fund

Form: Corporate or Limited Partnership

Functionaries



# COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES ("CIS")

Key features of CIS

- Categories of CIS:
  - > Fully Regulated CIS
  - > Regulated Global CIS
  - Expert Fund
  - > Professional CIS
  - ➤ Specialised CIS

## CLOSED END FUNDS ("CEFs")

Key features of the CEF

- Categories of CEF:
  - Non reporting issuers
  - > Reporting issuers

# DOUBLE TAXATION AVOIDANCE AGREEMENT ("DTAAs") NETWORK

Wide DTAA network, with strong African links, and more treaties forthcoming:

Bangladesh
Barbados
Belgium
Botswana
China
Croatia
Cyprus
France
Germany
India
Italy
Kuwait
Lesotho
Luxembourg
Madagascar

Malaysia Mozambique Namibia Nepal **Oman Pakistan** Qatar Rwanda Senegal Seychelles Singapore South Africa Sri Lanka **Swaziland** Sweden **Thailand** 

Tunisia
Uganda
United Arab
Emirates
United Kingdom
Zimbabwe

**Being ratified** Kenya Republic of Congo Russia Zambia

Awaiting signature
Egypt
Ghana
Malawi
Nigeria

Being negotiated
Algeria
Burkina Faso
Canada
Czech Republic
Gabon
Greece
Monaco
Portugal
Republic of Iran
Saudi Arabia
St Kitts & Nevis
Tanzania
Vietnam
Yemen

Also, TIEA with Australia in force

# TAXATION RATES FOR MAURITIUS-AFRICA DTAAs

	Dividends		Interest		Royalties	
Country	No Treaty	Under Treaty	No Treaty	Under Treaty	No Treaty	Under Treaty
Botswana	15%	5% & 10%	15%	12%	15%	12.50%
Lesotho	25%	10%	N/A	10%	N/A	10%
Madagascar	20%	5% & 10%	N/A	10%	N/A	5%
Mozambique	20%	8%, 10% & 15%	20%	8%	20%	5%
Namibia	10%	5% & 10%	0	10%	10.50%	5%
Rwanda	20%	Exempt	N/A	Exempt	N/A	Exempt
Senegal	10%	Exempt	6/8/16/20%	Exempt	20%	Exempt
Seychelles	15%	Exempt	15%	Exempt	15%	Exempt
South Africa	15%	5% & 15%	0	Exempt	15%	Exempt
Swaziland	12.5 & 15%	7.50%	10%	5%	15%	7.50%
Tunisia	0	Exempt	20%	2. 50%	15%	2.50%
Uganda	15%	10%	15%	10%	15%	10%
Zimbabwe	20%	10% & 20%	10%	10%	20%	15%

## MAURITIUS INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND PROTECTION AGREEMENTS

#### **IPPAs Signed and in force**

**Barbados** 

**Belgium/Luxemburg Economic Union** 

Burundi

China

Czech Republic

**Finland** 

France

Germany

India

Indonesia

Madagascar

Mozambique

**Pakistan** 

**Portugal** 

Republic of Korea

Romania

Senegal

**Singapore** 

South Africa

Sweden

**Switzerland** 

U.K

Northern Ireland

### IPPAs awaiting ratification

Benin

Botswana

Cameroon

**Comoros** 

Ghana

**Guinea Republic** 

Mauritania

Nepal

Republic of Congo

Rwanda

**Swaziland** 

**Tchad** 

Tanzania

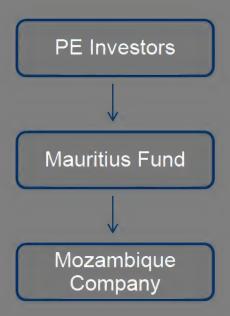
**Zimbabwe** 

Kenya

Information obtained from the Mauritius Board of Investment website on 03 October 2012

## CASE STUDY: FUND INVESTING INTO MOZAMBIQUE

Private Equity Investment into a Mozambique Company through a Mauritius Fund

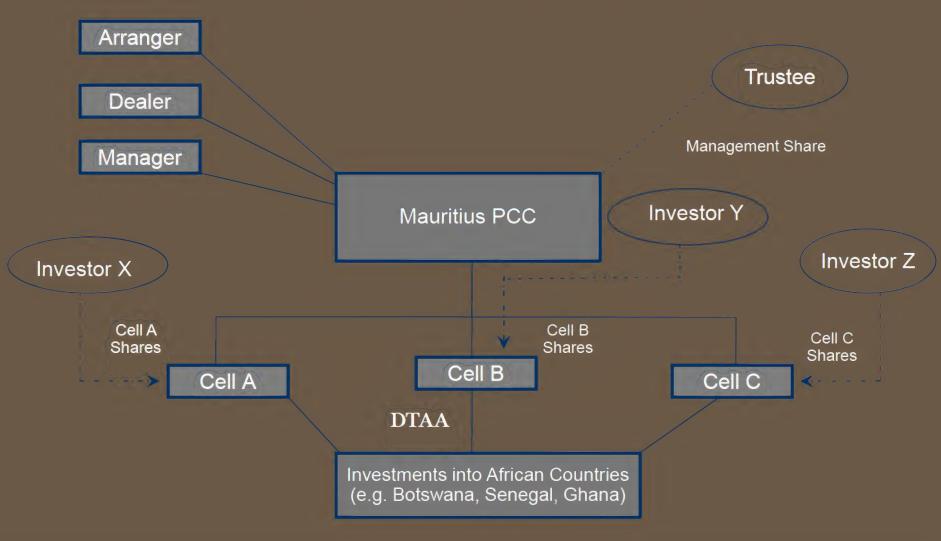


#### Tax Effects:

Mozambique: Corporate tax at 32 % WHT on interest at 8% under DTAA (rather than 20%)

Chargeable Income Corporate Tax (32%) Tax on Interest (20%)	1,000 320 136	Mozambique without DTAA
Net Income after tax	544	
Chargeable Income Corporate Tax (32%) Tax on Interest	1,000 320 54	Mozambique under DTAA
Net Income after tax	626 —	
Chargeable Income Corporate Tax (15%) Foreign Tax Credit <b>Tax Liability</b>	1,000 150 (150) NIL	Mauritius under DTAA

# INVESTING THROUGH A MAURITIUS PROTECTED CELL COMPANY ("PCC")



# WHY A MAURITIUS PCC FOR INVESTING INTO AFRICA?

Key features of the Mauritius PCC

The Mauritius benefit

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